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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the Examiner's attention the following references:

United States Patent No. 6,103,463 to Chetverin et al., issued on August 15, 2000;

United States Patent No. 4,912,035 to Belly et al., issued on March 27, 1990:

New Falcon (R) Cell Culture Inserts Fit 24 Well Plates, April 2, 1991, Page 1; and

Manns et al., Microplate History 2nd Edition, May 1999; and

Blaheta et al., A rapid non-radioactive fluorescence assay for the measurement of both cell number and proliferation, May 21, 1991, and;

Manns, Roy L. Necessity is the Mother of Invention – the History of Microplates, Business Briefing: Future Drug Discovery, 2003.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned. A copy of the latter four references are enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The U.S. Patent is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 01-0431.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,

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